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REPORTOF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE COUNTERMEASURES  
6 MARCH 1957

The National Security Council Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures met in the Department of State Building at 515 - 22nd Street on 6 March 1957, at 9:30 A. M. In the absence of Mr. Bailey, Mr. William Uanna, of the Department of State, served as Acting Chairman.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 February 1957 were approved by the Committee.

By memorandum of 7 February 1957 from the Chairman of the Committee, each of the member Agencies was required to submit a report to the NSC Committee answering certain basic questions regarding countermeasures. The deadline for receipt of such reports was 27 February 1957. It was pointed out by the Acting Chairman that the FBI, NSA and Office of Secretary of Defense did not meet the deadline. It was further pointed out that the Air Force report was not complete in that it had not received information from all of its Field Commands. Based upon reports that were submitted by 27 February, a summary of all agency reports was made and issued by the Committee. This report was dated 28 February 1957.

[ ] of CIA suggested to the Committee that in view of the information contained in the summary report, the Committee might wish to consider raising the classification of such summary report to Top Secret. Mr. [ ] suggested that this be done. The Chairman of the Committee agreed to this, and stated that necessary paper work would be concluded to upgrade the report of 28 February to Top Secret. Agencies would be so notified. He further stated that when comments of all agencies are in, the final report will be prepared and it will also be classied Top Secret.

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On Page 2 of the summary report, the Marine Corps representative wished the Committee to amend the first paragraph to show that it also uses [ ]

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The State Department representative asked members of the Committee to show corrections on pages 3 and 4 of the summary report. Such corrections are shown on the CIA copy.

In connection with paragraph I. 2. of the report, Mr. Coyne asked each Agency specific questions regarding the indoctrination provided their employees in respect to technical surveillance matters. [ ] answered for CIA by disclosing the information set forth in paragraph 2 of memorandum from the Director of Security, CIA, dated 27 Feb 57, to the Committee.

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Mr. Coyne suggested to the Committee the idea of preparing a general guide on defensive audio surveillance to be read by all persons in government. The Air Force representative stated that the Air Force had over one million people, and he did not feel it good from a Security standpoint to pass such information to so many people. Mr. Coyne stated that the level of information to be passed, he felt, should not be higher than Confidential information, but he agreed to suggestions by other members of the Committee that such briefings be given only to people in "sensitive" positions as defined by Executive Order. This was agreed as satisfactory by all members of the Committee, and the Department of State agreed to prepare such a "General Guide."

Mr. Coyne referred to page 6 of the summary report, and expressed a need for research in countermeasure fields. Mr. Uanna, from the Department of State, stated that utmost cooperation was being given by CIA and NSA in the countermeasures field, and that he felt this was due in part to the establishment of the Special Committee.

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In connection with paragraph I.6.d. of the report, page 7, Mr. Coyne stressed that all agencies must coordinate their ~~research~~ in government. He stated that CIA is doing research on development work in the field of countermeasures.

In connection with paragraph II.1. on page 9 of the report, Mr. Coyne stated that NSC 5618 requires all agencies to notify the head of the agency of "finds" of hostile audio equipment. After discussion of this matter, he recommended that the Chairman of the Committee send a letter to all Government departments requiring them to establish a reporting procedure to assure that the head of each agency is notified of "finds," and to report back to NSC Special Committee that this has been accomplished. The Chairman of the Committee, after concurrence of the members of the Committee, stated that he would prepare and transmit such a letter to the various departments of Government.

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In connection with paragraph II.3. on page 10 of the report, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee alert government agencies in writing on exploitation possibilities and give guidance therein. The Defense Department agreed to get its position re exploitation together for the Services, and get together with Department of State and make a report to the next meeting.

In connection with paragraph III.1., page 10, Mr. Coyne stated that he felt all agencies should have a provision for adequate damage reports in their notification system on "finds" of hostile audio surveillance devices. He suggested that the Committee require those agencies which do not have a provision for damage reports to install such a procedure and report back to the Committee of action taken by such agencies in this regard.

At this point Mr. Coyne left the meeting; however, his alternate, [redacted] remained.

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Mr. Uanna pointed to the requirement of NSC 5618 that the Special Committee submit a report to the NSC after it had been in operation six months. Mr. Uanna pointed to the fact that there are only two months remaining in that period of time. He asked for consideration of problems, conclusions and suggestions which could be presented to the Committee. The Navy representative pointed to research as one item that could be presented. Another item mentioned was improving briefing programs. The Bureau of Standards was mentioned as a possibility for centralized research.

At this point, a Top Secret document was distributed to each member of the Committee, the subject of which is "Possible Explanation of Moscow Phenomena 1950/52." The TS control number is [redacted] and was delivered to and signed for by [redacted] for CIA.

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A discussion on Research and Development was held.

- a. The possibility of a central facility for the conducting of Research and Development was considered "questionable" by the Committee.
- b. The passing of information to each other on going R & D projects was favorably considered.
- c. It was felt that there was a need to show what our limitations are on existing equipment and point out our needs.

It was agreed by Mr. Uanna and [redacted] Department of State and CIA would work up a report for the Committee on limitations on present known equipment.

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It was agreed that each agency would furnish to the Committee information on each R & D project of such agencies, and what the agency expects such equipment to do in the countermeasures field. The deadline on this was two weeks; namely, 20 March. ✓

The Chairman of the Committee asked the members to give thought as to how we could best discharge the Committee's responsibility under NSC5618.

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The Committee adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

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